

Plainfield Correctional Facility and Reception Diagnostic Center Recommendation for ACA Accreditation

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (April 28, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue announced today that the [Plainfield Correctional Facility](#) and the [Reception Diagnostic Center](#) were both recommended for accreditation by the [American Correctional Association](#) (ACA).

The Plainfield Correctional Facility and the Reception Diagnostic Center scored a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the ACA. The Plainfield Correctional Facility scored a 97.9 percent on non-mandatory standards; the Reception Diagnostic Center scored a 96.3 percent on non-mandatory standards.

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In order to pass the ACA audit, a correctional facility must comply with 100 percent of 63 mandatory standards and 90 percent of 471 non-mandatory standards. ACA's standards reflect the current national policies and procedures with regard to the care, custody and control of adult offenders.

Chairman of the Accreditations Committee, Mike Cody stated the Plainfield Facility was one of the cleanest, safest and most professionally operated facilities he had ever visited. He commended staff for their knowledge, compassion and professionalism.

"You are among the elite in corrections across the nation. The staff is first-class and knowledgeable about correctional practices. The programs and medical services offered to offenders are outstanding. The offenders are well taken care of by staff and educators," said Cody. "Excellent programming is a

key component of our audits and it is my pleasure and honor to say that the staff at this facility is dedicated and excited to deliver excellent services.”

The recommendation for accreditation for the Plainfield Correctional Facility and Reception Diagnostic Center confirms Indiana’s national leadership role in corrections.

Superintendent Christopher Meloy of Plainfield Correctional Facility and Reception Diagnostic Center, commented, “It is because of the commitment of staff that the facility was recommended for the accreditation. This is the highest score we have ever received in our fifth accreditation. ”

“The successes of the operation of the two facilities is directly correlated with the staff,” said Commissioner J. David Donahue. “Congratulations to the employees for driving excellence and taking pride in their work! I look forward to making the official announcement at the next ACA conference,” added Donahue.

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